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The Antique Gift Shop

Police officer Choi is a regular at the Antique Gift Shop, but as he rushes off with a gift for his new girlfriend, he is killed in a hit-and-run accident. His only relative is his younger brother, ChanYoung, who's only just been released from prison. ChanYoung always thought he was the trouble-maker of the pair, but when he explores his late brother's house, he discovers the upstanding officer may have had a few skeletons in his closet . . . or rather, a mysterious little girl hiding in his bedroom?!

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NICE HOUSE~.

JUMP
HUP!

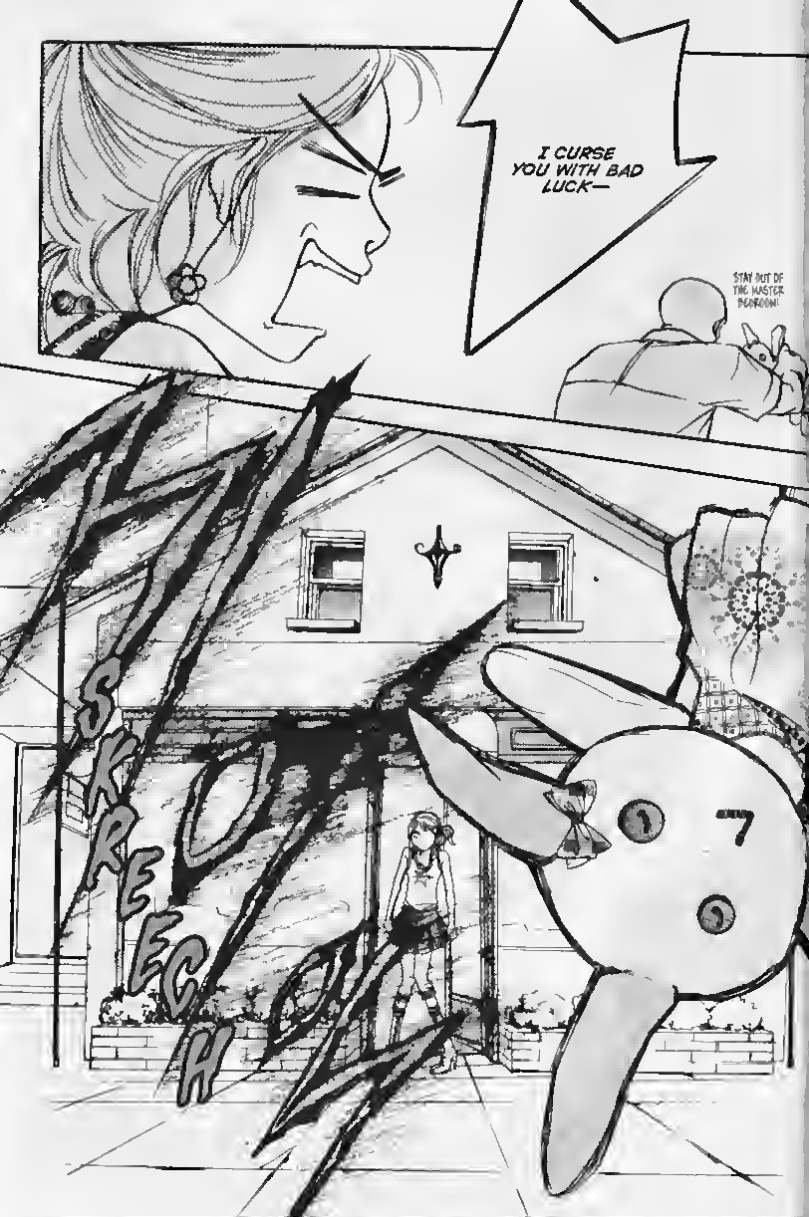
KLICK!
I LOVE THE SMELL OF A NEW HOUSE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ONE~?
THE COLOR ISN'T AS PRETTY
CAN'T YOU JUST PICK SOMETHING~? IT'S BEEN THREE HOURS.
HA-HA~! SOMEHOW SHOPPING IN YOUR STORE MAKES ME OVERLY CAUTIOUS.
WHY DON'T YOU BRING YOUR GIRLFRIEND IN HERE AND LET HER PICK?!
OH, I USE THE POT YOU SOLD ME LAST TIME A LOT. THANK YOU.
WHO COULD THAT BE?
RRRRING~!

NO CUSTOMERS ARE COMING IN BECAUSE THIS COP WON'T LEAVE!
HELLO?
CHAN-YOUNG CHOI?!
WHY'RE YOU SO SURPRISED~? DID YOU THINK I'D STAY IN PRISON FOREVER?

DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND YOUR NEW ADDRESS? I'M GONNA WALK OUT WITH WHATEVER I CAN CARRY I WISH I COULD STEAL EVERYTHING YOU OWN
YOU'RE AT MY HOUSE? H-HOW DID YOU FIND IT?
OPEN
EH?
I KNEW YOU WERE UP TO SOMETHING D'YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?

DON'T TOUCH THAT!
HAN-YOUNG! YOU HAFTA PAY! PAY!
DON T TOUCH ANYTHING JUST WAIT FOR ME, AND I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY. OKAY?
AHHH! DAMN DIRTY PIG!


I CURSE YOU WITH BAD LUCK—
STAY OUT OF THE MASTER BEDROOM!
SKREECH!!

HEY~ BROTHER?
D'YOU HAVE A PICTURE OF YOUR GIRLFRIEND? I WANNA SEE IT.
I DON'T THINK SHE'D WANNA MEET ME.
HAN-YOUNG.

CREAK
?
THIEF...

CHAPTER 12
THE POT OF SUNGJOO

HAN-YOUNG WAS AN HONEST AND HONORABLE MAN...
IS HIS YOUNGER BROTHER HIS ONLY FAMILY? WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS FACE?
HE JUST GOT OUT OF JAIL, AND HE'S ALREADY BEEN IN A FIGHT. TSK-TSK
CHAN-YOUNG.
BUN-NYUH.

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? HOW..?
I JUST SAID IT BECAUSE I WAS MAD. I DIDN'T MEAN IT

MY BROTHER'S DEAD, SO HOW COME SHE DOESN'T SHOW ANY EMOTION?
WHO IS SHE?

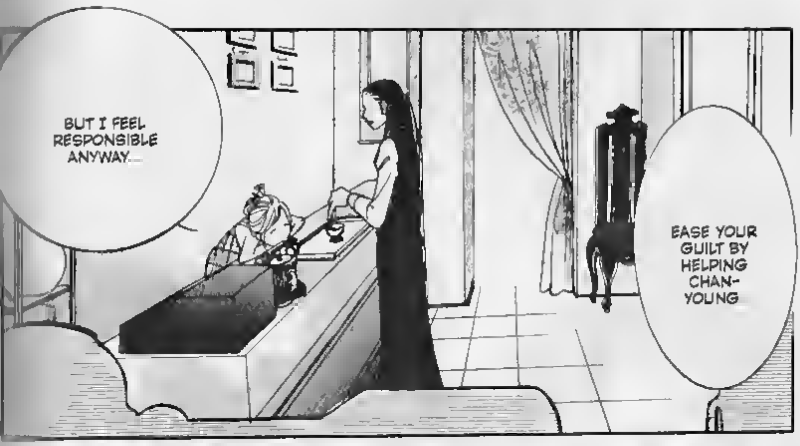
THE GIRL...WHO LIVED WITH HAN-YOUNG.
THAT'S MY BROTHER'S GIRLFRIEND.

I'M LEAVING.
WHY~? STAY A LITTLE LONGER.
THANK GOD~! GET OUT OF HERE, JERK!
BEIJING CHINESE RESTAURANT
MY BROTHER LIKED THE BLACK NOODLES...
MY BROTHER WOULD'VE BOUGHT THIS FOR ME...
MY BROTHER SCRATCHED MY BACK ALL THE TIME...
HE MADE THE WEEK FEEL LIKE A HUNDRED YEARS
WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO STAY?

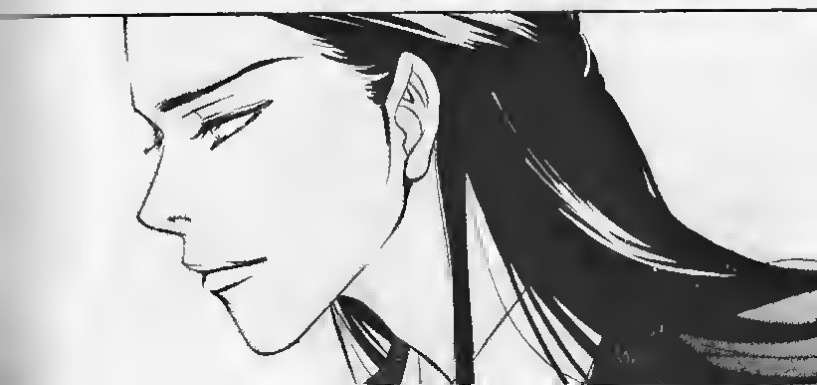
THE HOUSE...
HUH?
YOUR BROTHER'S HOUSE—? BUT THAT GIRL—
I'LL KICK HER OUT.
MY BROTHER'S DEAD, AND SHE HASN'T SHED A SINGLE TEAR.
I MAY BE A ROTTEN PERSON, BUT MY BROTHER WAS A CARING MAN, A MAN OF INTEGRITY HE RAISED ME LIKE A SON.
AND YET...
HE WAS...
...HE FOOLED US ALL.

HE WAS LIVING WITH AN UNDERAGE GIRL.
THAT HOUSE IS A CRIME SCENE! I'VE GOT TO CLEAN IT UP.

I FEEL BAD. I KEEP THINKING THAT HAN-YOUNG DIED BECAUSE OF WHAT I SAID.
SWSHH
YOU DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER. IF YOU COULD KILL SOMEONE WITH YOUR CURSES, I'D BE DEAD A HUNDRED TIMES OVER.


BUT I FEEL RESPONSIBLE ANYWAY...
EASE YOUR GUILT BY HELPING CHAN-YOUNG

CHAN-YOUNG HAS A BAD TEMPER. WHAT IF HE DOES SOMETHING AWFUL TO THAT GIRL? HE DOESN'T HAVE HIS OLDER BROTHER TO CLEAN UP HIS MESSES ANYMORE.
THAT WENCH IS SO DEAD



LIFE NEVER GOES THE WAY WE'VE PLANNED.
CREAK
HWAK
YOU WENCH! IF YOU HIT ME WITH THAT DRIED POLLACK AGAIN, YOU'LL REGRET IT—

WHAT...
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO GET HOME...?

I DON'T WANNA BE LEFT ALL ALONE EVER AGAIN~!

GET OFFA ME!
CRASH
HACK
ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU ALMOST BROKE MY NECK!
GOUGH!
GOUGH!

I DON'T CARE WHO YOU WERE TO MY BROTHER!
OUT OF!
KA-BANG
WHAT IS THIS GARBAGE —?
GET OUT!
TAKE YOUR JUNK AND GET OUT!
FSHWISH

PLEASE, DON'T DESTROY OUR HOME—
THUNK
정의사회구현
THE REALIZATION OF A JUST SOCIETY
ARE YOU INSANE?

D'YOU THINK I'M JOKING? DIDN'T HAN-YOUNG TELL YOU ABOUT ME?
THE NEW OWNER OF THIS HOUSE.
YES. YOU'RE CHAN-YOUNG CHOI, MR. CHOI'S YOUNGER BROTHER.
I'M SORRY ABOUT MR. CHOI.
I WANTED TO BE GOOD TO ALL MY MISTERS AND BRING THEM HAPPINESS... BUT INSTEAD I ONLY MADE THEM SUFFER..

SHOVE
"MISTERS"?
MY BROTHER WASN'T YOUR FIRST? YOU MAKE A HABIT OF USING WEAK-WILLED MEN?
YOU.. WON'T ABANDON ME, WILL YOU?

SLAM
EH?
TAP
EH?
TAP

SHE DISGUSTS ME! SHE ACTS NAIVE, BUT SHE'S NOT—
CREAK
CREAK
AKIRA

CREEK
CRACK
SHHH
YOW! HOT!
DAMMIT. HOW COULD THE SHOWER FALL DOW—

OH.
WHY, YOU—!
정이
JUMP

POW
—I'M SORRY.

I'M REALLY SORRY I WON'T DO THAT AGAIN PLEASE...
...DON'T KICK ME OUT.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO REFUSED TO GO TO THE E.R., SO DON'T COME CRYING TO ME LATER
WHY D'YOU WANNA STAY IN THIS HOUSE SO BAD? MY BROTHER IS GONE
YOU DON'T CARE WHO THE GUY IS AS LONG AS HE PUTS A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD, RIGHT?

NO...
HAN-YOUNG...
...WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
I'M GONNA SELL THIS HOUSE SOON IF YOU DON'T LEAVE ON YOUR OWN, I'LL FORCE YOU
THAT'S THE MASTER BEDROOM, RIGHT?
I'LL USE THAT ROO—
ZOOM
TOK TOK
TOK TOK
TOK TOK

..WHAT THE HELL?
OPEN THE DOOR!! GET OUT OF THAT ROOM! THIS IS MY HOUSE! MINE!!
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
CREAK

CHAN-YOUNG-?
IF YOU DON'T LIKE TH NOISE THAT'S TOO BAD.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA LEAVE ME ALONE, RIGHT? SOMEONE KEEPS TRYING TO GET INTO THE HOUSE
I'M SCARED.
IS THAT YOUR SEDUCTION TECHNIQUE? YOU WANT ME TO SLEEP WITH YOU?
BUT...
...YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE ME YET

—HAN-YOUNG CHOI, A POLICEMAN FOR THE PEOPLE LOOK AT YOU~!!

YOU ALWAYS LECTURED ME, BUT...
CHAN-YOUNG—
ARE YOU SLEEP-ING?
CHAN-YOUNG, YOU KNOW—
LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!

ROBBERY? FIGHTING AND GAMBLING WEREN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU?
STOP NAGGING ME. I DIDN'T HURT ANYONE. THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD'VE GIVEN ME THE MONEY WHEN I ASKED FOR IT
WHAT'S THIS?
THROW IT AWAY. IT CAN'T BE A WINNING TICKET. THERE'S NO WAY AN UNLUCKY BASTARD LIKE ME COULD EVER WIN THE LOTTERY
LOTTO
A 05 10 11 19 20 35
B 01 15 18 20 40 45
CAN'T YOU TELL? IT'S A LOTTERY TICKET, MORON
YOU SHOULD CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY THAT IT'S ME WHO CAUGHT YOU.
I'LL ONLY BOOK YOU FOR ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. IT'S A SHORTER SENTENCE.

AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, I WON'T LET YOU SUFFER
YOU'RE SO CORNY, Y'KNOW THAT?

HYUN-YOUNG!

AHHHH~!
zzz...
zzz...

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO, GO CLEAN THE HOUSE!

...HAN-YOUNG...
...WERE YOU CRAZY?
YOU MUST'VE BEEN CRAZY!
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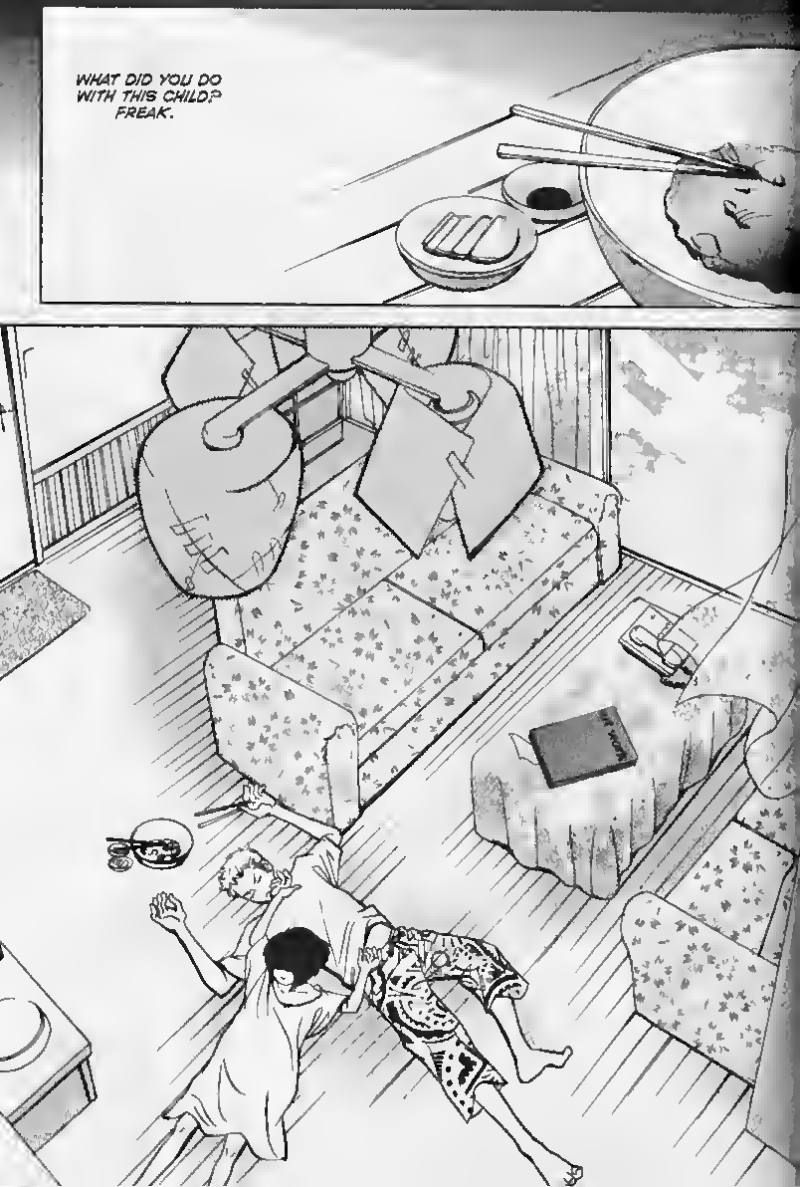
THE REALIZATION OF A JUST SOCIETY
ZZZ~

SMACK
SMACK
SHE'S LIKE A FRIGHTENED CAT...
SHE'S A KID— SHE CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
HOW COULD YOU...?
DON'T LEAVE ME—
DELIVERY—!
홍콩반점
HONG KONG CHINESE RESTAURANT


WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THIS CHILD? FREAK.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE SLEEP IN YOUR OWN ROOM.
NO! YOU'LL LEAVE ME
IF YOU SNEAK ONTO THE COUCH, I'LL KILL YOU!
DON'T WORRY I WON'T LEAVE YOU THE WAY MY BROTHER DID DID YOU EVEN LIKE HIM?
MR CHOI IS THE ONLY ONE WHO EVER BELIEVED IN ME

JERK.
RIGHT. I'M THE JERK
HOW'D YOU MEET HAN-YOUNG? SOME CHATROOM?
YAWN. I SHOULDN'T FALL ASLEEP FIRST...
SHE TOLD ME TO FOLLOW MR CHOI. .
CLICK
..THE LADY FROM THE ANTIQUE GIFT SHOP.

ANTIQUE GIFT SHOP
EXCUSE ME—
HAN-YOUNG TALKED ABOUT YOUR STORE A LOT. HE SAID HE STARTED GETTING LUCKY AFTER BUYING STUFF HERE
HE GOT PROMOTED AND WAS CURED OF GASTRITIS. OH, HE ALSO WON THE LOTTERY.
THANK YOU
HA-HA. HOW MUCH DID HE WIN?

SAY..
...DID HE MENTION ANYTHING BEFORE THE CAR ACCIDENT? LIKE PROBLEMS WITH WOMEN OR MONEY?
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
WHY?
I HAVE TO INVESTIGATE MORE BUT...
THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THE ACCIDENT
SHHH—
トンコ
WHISPER
SHHH— DON'T TELL HIM...
WHISPER
トンコ
SHHH—
IS THIS...?

DON'T TELL HIM!
DON'T TELL HIM!
DON'T TELL HIM!
MURMUR
SHUT UP!
PARDON?
!
DON'T TELL HIM!
IF YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING, PLEASE CALL ME. WE HAVEN'T STARTED THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION YET, SO PLEASE DON'T TELL CHAN-YOUNG ABOUT THIS.
DON'T TELL HIM!

NOTHING? LOOK ALL THE WAY INSIDE. I HEARD SOMEONE WHISPERING— OUCH~! IS THERE A COCKROACH OR SOMETHING?
DO YOU THINK A COCKROACH WOULD WHISPER TO YOU?
I'M SERIOUS~! I REALLY HEARD A VOICE~.
IT WAS REAL CREEPY SOUNDING~.
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FFH
CHIRP
FFH
CHIRP
GRAB

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222 - 9999
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CONGRATULATIONS! NOW OPEN!
갈비탕
KALBI STEW
채채
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TING
OHMMMM— PLEASE LET THIS RESTAURANT MAKE LOTS OF MONEY—!

AREN'T FREE SAMPLES A BETTER DRAW THAN A SHAMANIC PERFORMANCE?
DUN
DUN
DUN
DUN
TING
TING
HA-HA IT'S NOT JUST AN EVENT OR A SHOW PROMOTING A NEW RESTAURANT THIS SHAMANIC RITUAL SUMMONS A SUNGJOO GOD THE HIGHEST DIETY OF HOUSEHOLDS
A SUNGJOO IS A POWERFUL GOD WHO PROTECTS THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE AND BRINGS GOOD LUCK TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
SO PEOPLE ASK A SHAMAN TO SUMMON A SUNGJOO WHEN THEY MOVE TO A NEW HOUSE OR RENOVATE A DINER
COME SUNGJOO-NIM* COME, SUNGJOO-NIM.
MAY THE OWNER'S PATH EVER RUN THROUGH FRAGRANT FLOWER GARDENS BY SUNGJOO-NIM'S KINDNESS
PLEASE PROTECT THIS HOUSE FROM BAD WEATHER, PLEASE PROTECT THIS HOUSE FROM EARTHQUAKES, PLEASE PROTECT THE OWNER FROM POVERTY, AND PLEASE PROTECT THE OWNER FROM ANY TROUBLE
PLEASE LET THIS HOUSE BE PROSPEROUS EACH MONTH, AND LET THIS HOUSE BE AS FRESH AS TODAY FOR ALL TIME.
PLEASE PROTECT THIS HOUSE FROM EVIL SPIRITS AND BRING GOOD LUCK TO ALL WHO DWELL HERE
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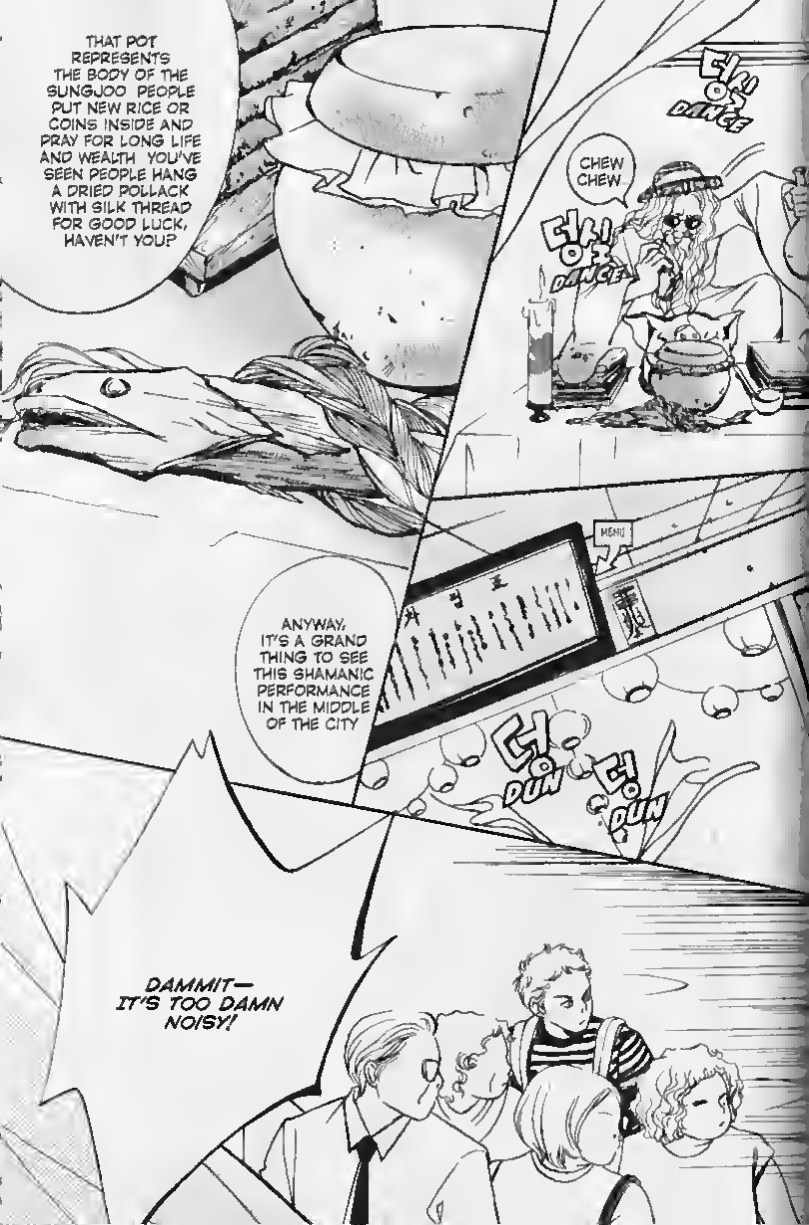
THAT POT REPRESENTS THE BODY OF THE SUNGJOO PEOPLE PUT NEW RICE OR COINS INSIDE AND PRAY FOR LONG LIFE AND WEALTH. YOU'VE SEEN PEOPLE HANG A DRIED POLLACK WITH SILK THREAD FOR GOOD LUCK, HAVEN'T YOU?
CHEW CHEW
MENU
ANYWAY, IT'S A GRAND THING TO SEE THIS SHAMANIC PERFORMANCE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY
DUN DUN
DAMMIT— IT'S TOO DAMN NOISY!

MY EARDRUMS
. ARE ABOUT TO EXPLODE. PACK IT UP AND SHUT ALL THIS RACKET DOWN!

HA-YA—!

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DUN
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DUN
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PANT
PANT

PANT
PANT
DIZZY
TSK-TSK...WHAT A STRANGE PLACE THERE'S NO HOUSE GOD, AND YET IT'S FULL OF SPIRITS A USELESS TEMPLE OF NOTHING
?
DIZZY
THEY'RE SO CHATTY~ THEY'RE YAPPING TOO MUCH. TSK-TSK-TSK
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING IN FRONT OF MY STORE?
OH, YOU'RE THE LADY FROM THE SHAMANIC PERFORMANCE. ARE YOU SUPPRESSING THESE SPIRITS?
IT'S WEIRD TO HAVE THIS KIND OF PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY. WHAT ARE YOU?

I SEE IT PLAIN AS DAY
NOW I KNOW WHO YOU ARE DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
I SEE. YOU'RE A MATCHMAKER, MATCHMAKER!
...THE MATCHMAKER WHO UNITES HUMANS WITH SOULS~

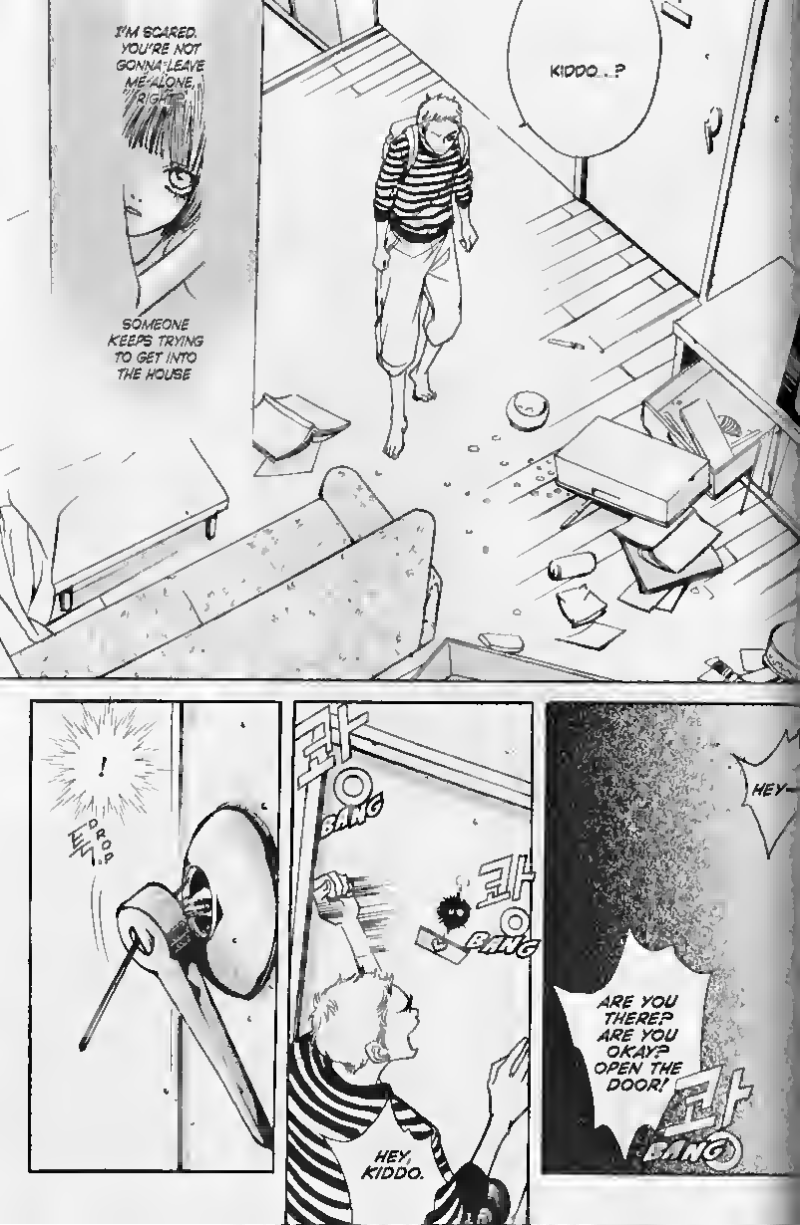
DANCE, DANCE. THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, ISN'T IT?
HEE HAW
HEE HAW
HEE HAW
ARGH!
LA~LA~LA~LA~.
HEE-HEE-HEE.
HEE HAW
TEE-HEE.
HAW HEE

SOMEBODY..
PLEASE HELP..
GRAB
HELLO
!

ME?
YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT? YOU THINK I INTRODUCED THAT LITTLE GIRL TO YOUR BROTHER?
SHE SAID THE LADY FROM THIS STORE TOLD HER TO FOLLOW HAN-YOUNG
SHE'S A BAD GIRL SELL THE HOUSE AND INVEST SOME MONEY IN MY STORE
MAYBE SHE MEANT THIS LADY?

MY BROTHER WAS THE BAD ONE
SHE'S JUST A KID WHO NEEDS A PLACE TO STAY
JUST LIKE ME, THAT HOUSE IS THE ONLY THING SHE CAN RELY ON
SNATCH

NO, NO, NO! DUMMY!
SHOOT!
WHAT~?
SHE'S YOUR DEAD BROTHER'S GIRL...!
HMPH! WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
HUH? WHY'S THE DOOR OPEN?
DID I FORGET TO LOCK THE DOOR?


I'M SCARED. YOU'RE NOT GONNA LEAVE ME ALONE, RIGHT?
SOMEONE KEEPS TRYING TO GET INTO THE HOUSE
KIDDO...?
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톡톡
ROP
BANG
BANG
HEY, KIDDO.
HEY—
ARE YOU THERE? ARE YOU OKAY? OPEN THE DOOR!
BANG

CREEP!!
I'VE KEPT THIS SAFE NO MATTER WHAT.

PHEW
MR. CHOI BECAME UNHAPPY BECAUSE OF ME, AND I COULDN'T PROTECT THE HOUSE EITHER
I MAKE PEOPLE UNHAPPY. IF I'D KNOWN THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN, I WOULDN'T HAVE FOLLOWED MR. CHOI
I'M SORRY THAT I'M USELESS. I'M REALLY SORRY.
. SORRY.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, KIDDO

I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE
MY BROTHER'S DEATH AND THE BURGLARY JUST HAPPENED THEY'RE NO ONE'S FAULT

DING DONG
DING DONG
YIKES!
DING DONG
DING DONG
DON'T OPEN THE DOOR! DON'T! IT'S THE THIEF RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!
DING DONG
DING DONG
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME, KIDDO?
WHAT KIND OF THIEF RINGS THE DOOR-BELL?

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
WHAT'S UP? I DON'T LIKE COPS ANY MORE THAN A THIEF
MUR... MURDER?

JUDGING FROM THE SKID MARKS, WE CAN TELL IT WASN'T JUST A HIT-AND-RUN. SOMEONE WAS WAITING FOR HAN-YOUNG AND RAN HIM OVER ON PURPOSE.
DID HE LEAVE YOU ANY MESSAGE, OR DID YOU FIND ANYTHING UNUSUAL HERE?
WHO WOULD DO THAT ...?
LET ME SEARCH THE HOUSE. I MAY FIND SOME CLUES
THERE MUST BE SOMEONE WHO BENEFITS FROM HAN-YOUNG'S DEATH

THIS IS THE MASTER BEDROOM, RIGHT?
PLEASE DON'T GO IN THERE.
I WANT YOU TO LEAVE.

CLICK
IS HE GONE? CHAN-YOUNG, HE'S—
CHAN-YOUNG?

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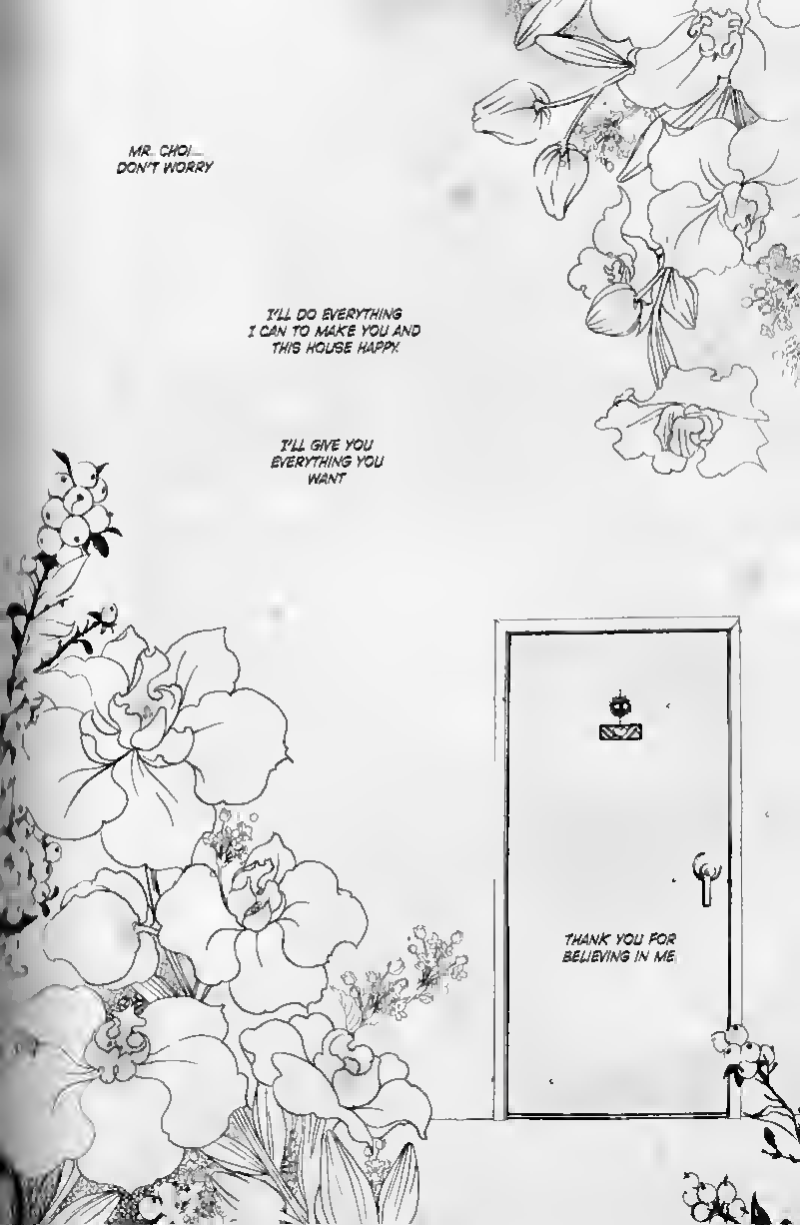
MR. CHOI...
DON'T WORRY
I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO MAKE YOU AND THIS HOUSE HAPPY.
I'LL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT
THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN ME.

THANK YOU FOR LIKING ME
IF I SAY I LIKE YOU
CAN I COME INSIDE THIS ROOM?

WHAT'S IN THIS ROOM?
WHAT'RE YOU HIDING IN HERE?
WHO ARE YOU? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING SUSPICIOUS FROM THE BEGINNING.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY BROTHER?

WHAT ARE YOU?!
BANG
의사회구현
THE REALIZATION OF A JUST SOCIETY
CRRRING

HELLO?
IT'S ME.
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
I NEED YOU TO BREAK INTO MY HOUSE TONIGHT.

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING RELATED TO MY BROTHER'S ACCIDENT IN THE MASTER BEDROOM SHE'S A WUSS SO SHE'LL COME RUNNING OUT AT EVEN THE TINIEST NOISE
JUMP
IF YOU MAKE IT IN, WHEN I SELL THE HOUSE, I'LL GIVE YOU HALF
SO THAT'S THE BEDROOM WINDOW.
AHH!
DAMN~ I'M SO NERVOUS. THIS IS MY FIRST BURGLARY EXPERIENCE. I SHOULD'VE HAD SOME SOJU*.

* AN ALCOHOLIC DRINK DISTILLED FROM RICE

WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER HERE AND HAVE A DRINK?
THUD
CREAK

HEY, STUPID! I TOLD YOU TO GO IN THROUGH THE WINDOW!
WOW~! YOU BROUGHT PROPS, EH? THAT KNIFE LOOKS REAL

...!
SLAM
YOU HID IT, DIDN'T YOU?
OPEN THE DOOR IF YOU DON'T WANNA DIE LIKE YOUR BROTHER!

SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
AH, SOOO GOOD~!
YOU KNOW THOSE DAMN ANTIQUES~ I KEEP SELLING THEM BUT I NEVER LOSE ANY STOCK. SO I SELL THEM EVEN IF I LOSE MONEY.
CUSTOMERS EITHER RETURN THEM OR LEAVE THEM IN THE STORE AND RUN AWAY. I'M ABOUT TO GO INSANE.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST ABANDON THE STORE?
DAKS
HMM~. VERY INTERESTING
YOU KNOW, THAT'S THE WEIRD PART~.
I ONLY SEE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUAL PEOPLE NOWADAYS

HA-HA-HA. ARE THERE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T ACTUAL PEOPLE?
YUP THERE ARE.
BY THE WAY, WHO'RE YOU? WHY'RE YOU DRINKING IN SOMEONE'S YARD?
I'M JUST AN OLD MAN WHO GOES TO DIFFERENT HOUSES, WATCHES SHAMANIC PERFORMANCES, AND EATS FREE FOOD
THEY HAVE SHAMANIC PERFORMANCES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
WHAT A LIFE!
TONIGHT'S CEREMONY IS TO SUMMON A SUNGJOO GOD.

WHAT?
A SUNGJOO IS THE HIGHEST OF HOUSEHOLD GODS. THIS DEITY BRINGS WEALTH AND GOOD LUCK TO THE DWELLING AND PROTECTS ITS OWNER.
IF YOU WANT YOUR HOUSE TO REMAIN PEACEFUL...
...YOU HAVE A SHAMAN CALL FOR A SUNGJOO SO IT WILL COME IN TO YOUR HOUSE.
HEE-HEE. AND THEN THE SUNG-JOO WILL MAKE YOU SUPER RICH AND SUPER HAPPY?
YOU'RE NUTS, OLD MAN
TSK-TSK. AN EDUCATED WOMAN LIKE YOURSELF SHOULDN'T SAY SUCH STUPID THINGS~

C'MON, MATCHMAKER GIRL THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS
HEY~ HEY~ PLEASE POUR SOME MORE~
GREAT HAPPINESS COMES FIRST AND SMALL HAPPINESS FOLLOWS BUT SADNESS COMES RIGHT ALONG WITH HAPPINESS THAT'S HOW IT WORKS
AS MORE HOUSES POP UP EVERYWHERE, PEOPLE DON'T FOLLOW THE WAYS OF THE SHAMAN NOW AND THEN, A YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED SUNGJOO TAKES A HOUSE OF HER OWN ACCORD.
A YOUNG SUNGJOO SOMETIMES MAKES A MISTAKE AND BRINGS HUGE LUCK ALL AT ONCE TO TRY AND PLEASE HER NEW MASTER.
A SUNGJOO WANTS TO DO EVERYTHING HER MASTER WANTS.

THIS HOUSE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE
YOU'RE A LUCKY CHARM! SINCE YOU CAME TO THIS HOUSE I GOT PROMOTED AND MY STOMACH PROBLEM IS GONE. EVERYTHING'S GOING SO WELL.
LOTTO 6/45
A자동 05 10 11 18 20 39
B자동 07 15 18 20 40 45
금액 ₩2000
7670-6462-4823-92
NO WAY! 500,000,000 WON? YOU HIT THE JACKPOT!
THIS IS JEAN-YOUNG'S MONEY
*KOREAN MONETARY SCO 000,000 WON IS ABOUT $500,000 US
I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO HIM WHEN HE GETS OUT OF JAIL.
JACKPOT?
THAT'S MEANINGLESS. THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF UNHAPPINESS. LUCK SHOULD COME LITTLE BY LITTLE THROUGHOUT YOUR WHOLE LIFE. IF YOU RECEIVE A HUGE BOUNTY AT ONCE..
PAY~!

...HUGE MISFORTUNE WILL SURELY FOLLOW...
SCREECH
SCREECH
SCREECH

BANG!

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BANG

THE PROBLEM LIES IN HUMAN GREED. HOW WOULD A YOUNG SUNGJOO FEEL WATCHING THE OWNER OF HER HOUSE BECOMING UNHAPPY?
THE YOUNG SUNGJOO LOSES CONFIDENCE AND GETS UPSET, SO A GREAT SHAMAN PERFORMS A CEREMONY IN THE GOD'S CHOSEN HOME, GIVING THE SUNGJOO A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO BRING PROSPERITY.
BURRRRRRP

WHEN IS THE SHAMAN COMING? IS SHE FLYING HERE? HEE-HEE-HEE~.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SKEPTICAL, AREN'T YOU? NO WONDER YOUR LIFE IS SO TIRING.
HICCUP
HICCUP
WE HAVE FOOD AND DRINK, BUT I DON'T FEEL ANY EXCITEMENT
SING?
FINE. DO YOU HAVE ANY REQUESTS?
A TRADITIONAL KOREAN SONG IS THE BEST THING WITH MAKGULI*.
*RICE LIQUOR
A TRADITIONAL SONG.
HEE-HEE... OLD MAN..
YOU TALK LIKE AN OLD MAN~

HMMM—
BONG

NAKYANG...
...PALACE...

PALACE...
PALACE...
PALACE...
PALACE...

BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG
NARYANG PALACE... SO MANY GRAVES SPREAD ACROSS THE LAND. HOW MANY GRAVES ARE FOR HEROES AND BEAUTIES?
WE ALL RETURN TO THE SAME PLACE WHEN WE DIE.
EH-RA. LONG LIFE~. EH-RA. GREAT GOD~
地下女将軍
天下大将軍

BONG
BONG
OH HUNTER IN THE PINE TREE FOREST, PLEASE DON'T KILL THE DOVE, THE DOVE
~LOST ITS MATE AND WE BOTH SPENT THE NIGHT SEARCHING FOR OUR LOVES
DUN
DUN
DUN
~EH-RA, LONG LIFE~
~EH-RA, GREAT GOD~

LET'S BUILD A BOAT FROM A PINE TREE. LAUNCH THE BOAT AND CARRY SUSTENANCE INSIDE.
AND LET'S SAIL TO KYUNGPO TO ENJOY THE MOON LA~LA~LA. LET'S ENJOY THE MOON
EH
TING
ZZL
TING
ZZL
TING
ZZL
TING
EH-RA. LONG LIFE~.

EH-RA, LONG LIFE~.
EH-RA, GREAT GOD~.

PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT

THUNK
SHA-
-KING
!

BAMMM
.....

...THIEF...

THE REALIZATION OF A JUST SOCIETY
정의사회구현
QUIVER
SHIVER
SHAKE
KRA-CHANG

KRA-KOW
THE REALIZATION OF A DUST SOCIETY
KABOOM

GET OUT OF MY HOUSE.

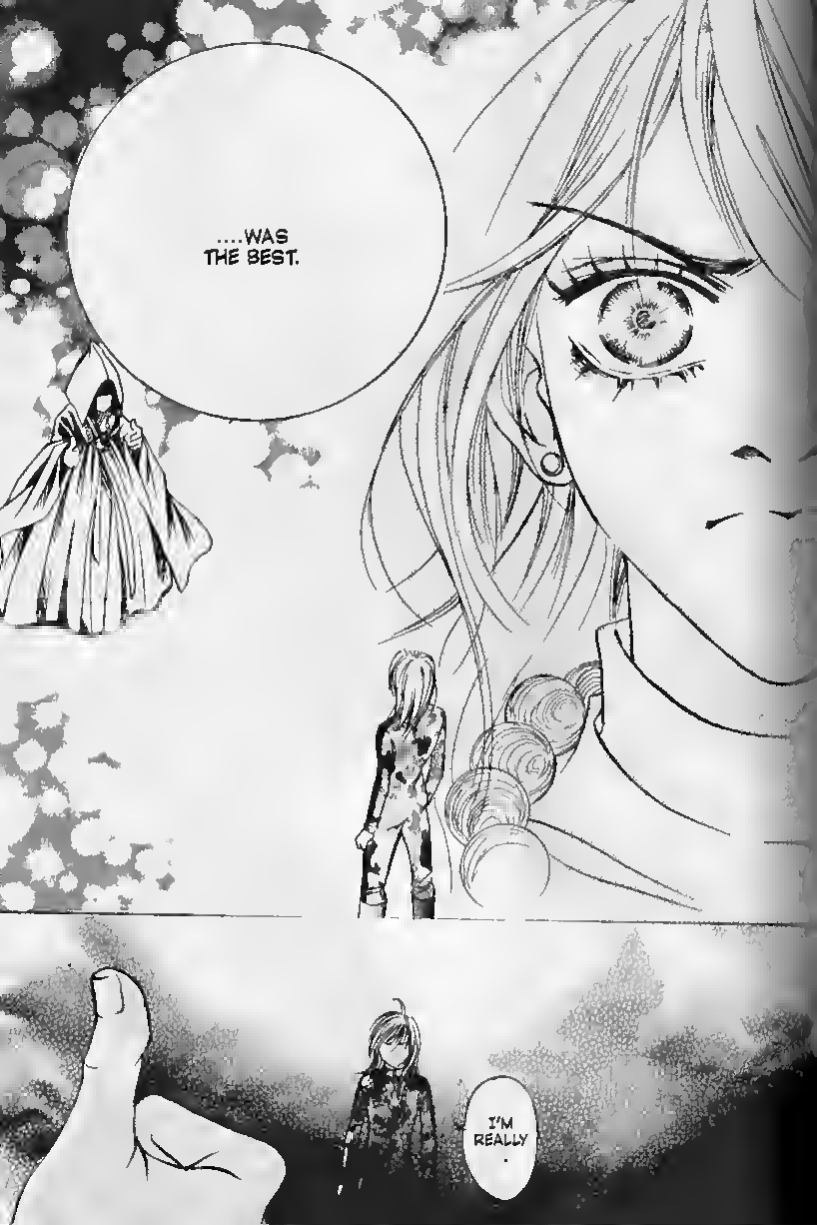
I AM THE SUNGJOO GOD OF THIS HOUSE!
AIEEEEE!

07
KRA-KOW
!!
DAKSS
HA-HA~ YOU'RE AMAZING
ZZZ
DON'T YOU FEEL SO MUCH BETTER NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD FUN~?

SUNGJOO
...PROTECTS THE HOUSE AND ITS OWNER...
SUNGJOO MUST NOT DAMAGE THE HOUSE... SUNGJOO...

...CAN'T STAY IN THE HOUSE IF THE HOUSE IS DAMAGED
BANG
CHAN-YOUNG—!
CHAN-
COUGH

YOUR SHAMANIC CEREMONY FOR SUNGJOO...


....WAS
THE BEST.
I'M
REALLY
.

...TIRED OF THIS...
EXPLAIN THIS MESS

WHERE'D SHE GO?
THROB
THROB
I TOLD YOU I WAS DRUNK OUT OF MY MIND.
EMPTY
DID YOU EXPECT A DEAD BODY?
THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE WOULDN'T LET ANYONE COME IN HERE.

ANYWAY, SHE'S THE ONE WHO SET THE HOUSE ON FIRE
IF THE FLAMES HADN'T ATTRACTED HELP, YOU WOULD'VE DIED FROM YOUR WOUNDS. PEOPLE HESITATE TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBOR DURING A BURGLARY, BUT A FIRE COULD SPREAD TO THEIR PLACE.
WHAT'S THAT?
CRASH
THIS IS THE TRUTH SHE WANTED TO PROTECT, AND THE SEED OF YOUR BROTHER'S UNHAPPINESS.

YOUR LUCK WAS THE CAUSE OF YOUR BROTHER'S DEATH
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A SUNGJOO GOD HAS TO LEAVE THE HOUSE IF SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS TO IT
I THINK THE KID'S NAME IS...

...SUNGJOO.
WHY ARE YOU OUTSIDE?
MISS CHO KICKED ME OUT SHE SAID I WAS JUST TAKING UP SPACE
SHE'S WEIRD AND MEAN

WHY ARE YOU HERE? IS IT BECAUSE OF MISS CHO TOO?
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE IT WHEN YOU TAKE A BREAK...
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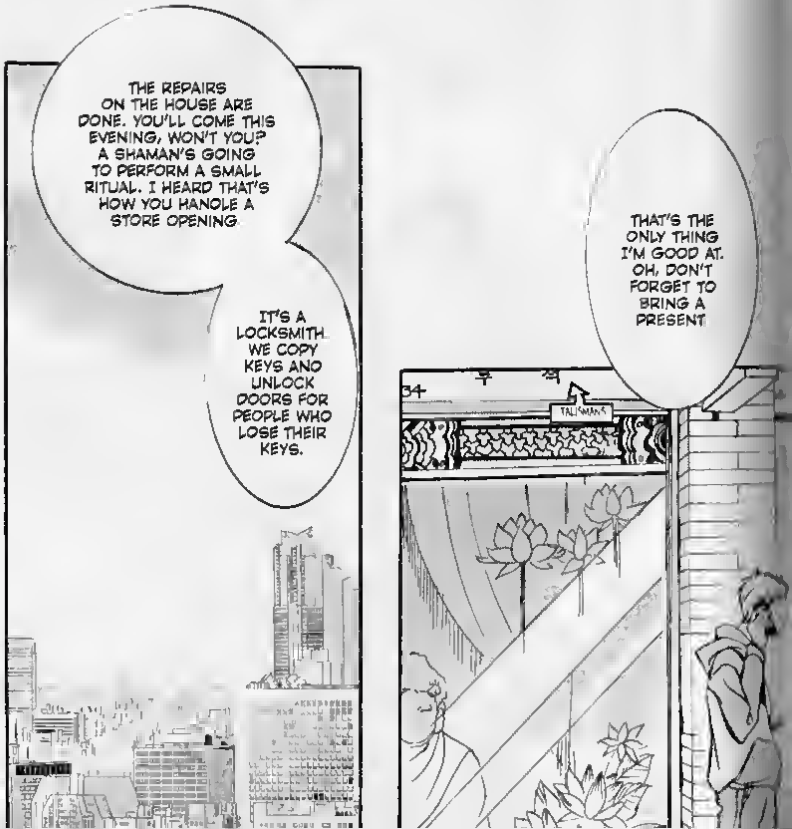
I ASKED YOU TO INVEST IN MY STORE! WHY'D YOU BUY A HOUSE INSTEAD? WHERE'D YOU GET ALL THE MONEY?
CHAN-YOUNG NEEDS HIS OWN ROOM WHEN HE GETS OUT OF JAIL.
PLEASE COME BY AFTER I FINISH CLEANING THE HOUSE AND BRING A HOUSEWARMING PRESENT!
A PRESENT~?!

HERE! A HOUSEWARMING PRESENT
GIVE
WHAT'S THIS?
OH, UHH— THAT'S..
WELL, IT'S NOT JUST ANY OLD POT IT'S A BREATHING POT THAT HOLDS OUR ANCESTORS' COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE
YOU CAN PUT ANY FOOD IN THERE, AND IT'LL BE THE BEST FOOD YOU'VE EVER TASTED
LOOK THERE'S A LID AND EVERYTHING. YOU CAN USE IT AS A PORTABLE TOILET TOO
DISTRUST
MR YANG—!
THAT'S A POT FOR SUNGJOO, THE HOUSE GOD PEOPLE PUT FRESH RICE OR THEIR PRECIOUS VALUABLES INSIDE
I SEE~!
WHATEVER YOU WANT, BUT A PORTABLE TOILET IS BEST~!


THE REPAIRS ON THE HOUSE ARE DONE. YOU'LL COME THIS EVENING, WON'T YOU? A SHAMAN'S GOING TO PERFORM A SMALL RITUAL. I HEARD THAT'S HOW YOU HANDLE A STORE OPENING
IT'S A LOCKSMITH. WE COPY KEYS AND UNLOCK DOORS FOR PEOPLE WHO LOSE THEIR KEYS.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING I'M GOOD AT. OH, DON'T FORGET TO BRING A PRESENT
34
TALISMANS

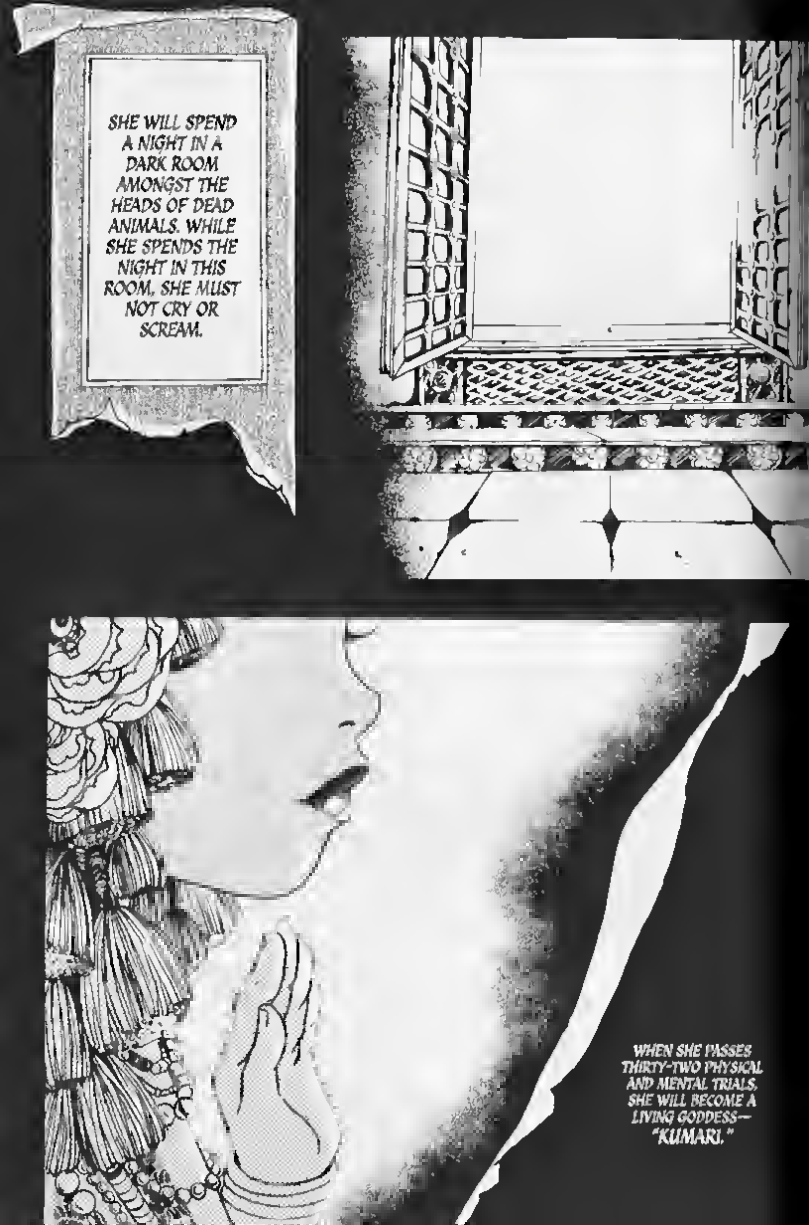
YOU'RE SUCH A BEAST! IS THIS HOW YOU REPAY MY KINDNESS?! HOW COULD YOU DONATE ALL THE LOTTERY MONEY WITHOUT INVESTING IN MY STORE~?!
!
HUH? IT'S MY GRANDPA

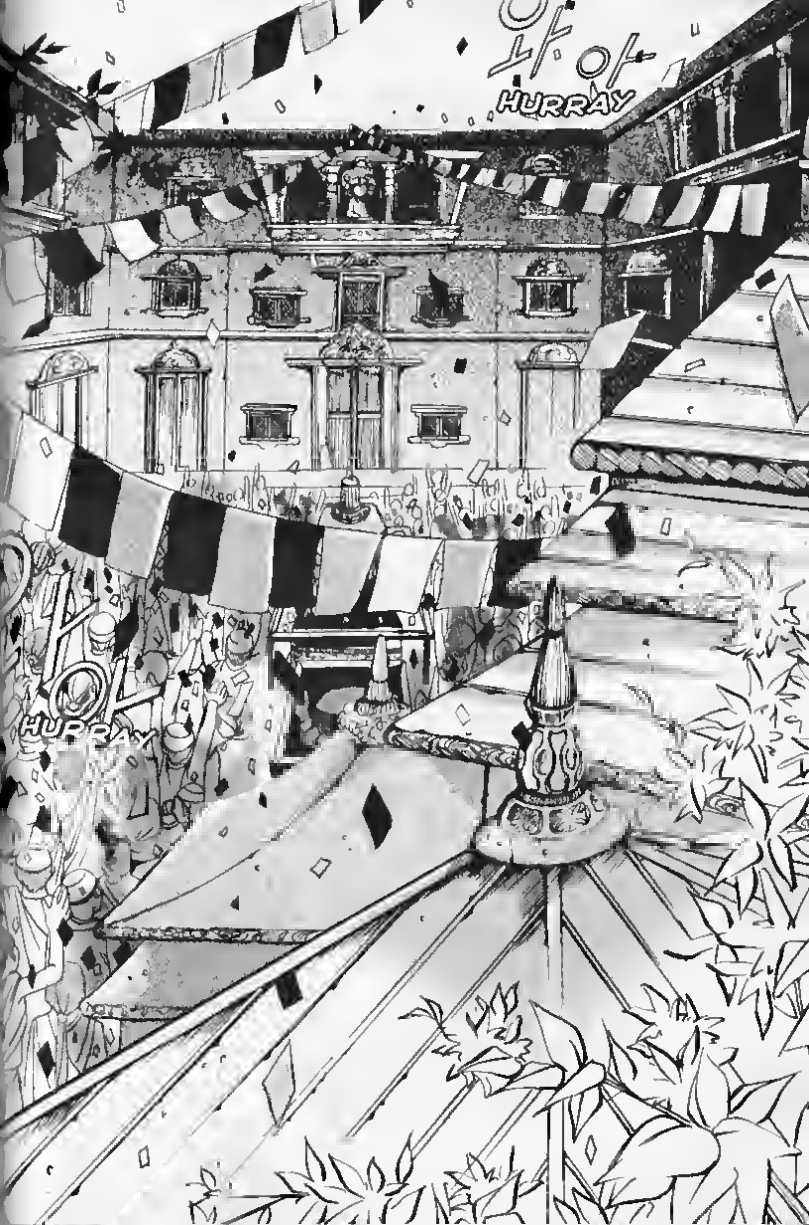
BUDDHIST GEMSTAL STORE
555 -1234
• 우속용품
• 부 적
BUDHISM TRINKETS
SHAMANIC GOODS
TA-SHANG
GENERAL STORE
EXCEPT HE LOOKS BETTER WITH EYEGLASSES
33

WORDS FROM THE CREATOR

The new studio isn't big, but it's quiet and gets a lot of natural sunlight. Its nickname is "the white house on the hill of nocturnal animals." I'm still getting used to parts of the studio, but after only one deadline, I feel like the place is mine. I'm happy that some friends want to have a *sungjoo* ritual for the new studio. I'm also thankful to the landlady for the flowerpot on the window ledge, which makes the room look better. I also need to thank people who send me their ultra-positive energy!

HER BODY MUST BE LIKE A BANYAN TREE, HER THIGHS MUST BE LIKE A DEER, AND HER NECK MUST BE LIKE A CONCH SHELL.
SHE MUST NOT HAVE ANY SCARS ON HER BODY AND SHE MUST HAVE NO FEVER OR DISEASE.
HER TEETH MUST NOT BE DAMAGED OR MISSING. THEY MUST BE STRAIGHT.
HER HAIR MUST BE BLACK, AND HER EYES MUST TWINKLE LIKE A COW'S.


SHE WILL SPEND A NIGHT IN A DARK ROOM AMONGST THE HEADS OF DEAD ANIMALS. WHILE SHE SPENDS THE NIGHT IN THIS ROOM, SHE MUST NOT CRY OR SCREAM.
WHEN SHE PASSES THIRTY-TWO PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRIALS, SHE WILL BECOME A LIVING GODDESS— "KUMARI."


HURRAY
HURRAY

CHAPTER 13
KUMARI SOON

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? THIS CUSTOMER WANTS IT!
NO, SHE CAN'T HAVE IT. IT'S RESERVED FOR SOMEONE ELSE
IT'S COVERED WITH DUST. WHO RESERVED THIS? WHO? IF SHE PAYS FIRST, SHE'S THE OWNER.
LOSING A CUSTOMER'S TRUST IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT THIS DOLL ISN'T SUITABLE FOR HER.
STOP TALKING NONSENSE AND GIVE ME THE DOLL!
NO.
I'LL BUY YOU SOMETHING ELSE--
WAAAAH!

WANNA GET FIRED?
IF YOU WANNA GET PAID, DO WHAT I SAY DON'T BE SO IMPUDENT!
SUCK

SORRY...

PLEASE, DON'T BE HE'S JUST A PART-TIME SALESMAN

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR LUNCH?

DID YOU HEAR ME?
ARE YOU MAD AT ME? OVER SUCH A LITTLE THING?
YOUR PERSONALITY IS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!
CLICK TING!
WELCOME—
PLEASE KEEP THE TOILET CLEAN! IF YOU LEAVE POO MARKS EVERYWHERE, HOW CAN OTHER PEOPLE USE IT?!
I'LL FIRE HIM! I'M SO GOING TO FIRE HIM!
PEPS

YOU'RE HAVING A LATE LUNCH TODAY
YOUR BUSINESS GETS BETTER EVERY DAY WHAT'S MY TOTAL?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY. IT'S ON THE HOUSE
SINCE I CONVERTED MY DAD'S FLOWER SHOP TO THIS HOT DOG RESTAURANT, SALES HAVE QUADRUPLED
I PAID OFF ALL MY DEBT IN A MONTH. PEOPLE KEEP MENTIONING A FRANCHISE

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, MISS CHO
Mr. Kim Hyeon
PARDON?
TAKE-OUT, PLEASE.
DID I EAT SO MUCH TO GET CREDIT FOR THE SALES?
PLEASE ENJOY IT
I SHOULD'VE HIRED A SALESMAN LIKE HIM
I WISH HE WORKED FOR ME

SOMEONE SHOULD DUMP A BUCKET OF WATER ON THAT GUY.
SO YOU WANNA GO ON A TRIP WITH ME?
REALLY—?
SPLASH
KIM'S
I SAID I'D KILL YOU IF YOU CHEATED AGAIN! YOU DOG!
HONEY I HAD JUST...
YOU'RE MARRIED ?
HONEY
NO
OH MY~ ANOTHER GUY WITH WOMEN PROBLEMS. DANGER IS EVERYWHERE.

HUH? THAT GIRL IS...
PSSS
YOU'RE SWEATING. IS SOMETHING WRONG?
IT'S NOTHING— LET'S GO SOMEWHERE TO SIT DOWN
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
WHAT'S THAT?
RISE
WOBBLE
NO DON'T TOUCH HER!

STOP IT!
GOTCHA!
FLAP
FLAP
VANISH

LET'S JUST GO
IS SHE OKAY?

SHIVER
AIEEE—! WATCH OUT!
604
SCREEEEEE
OH

CLAP
WOW~ SHE'S AMAZING.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
SHE SAVED THAT CRAZY GIRL
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ARE YOU OKAY?

BE MORE GENTLE
I'M SURPRISED HOW GOOD YOUR KOREAN IS.
MR YANG, THIS IS MISS SOON SHE'S FROM NEPAL IF IT WASN'T FOR MISS SOON, I'D BE STREET PIZZA RIGHT NOW
SOON MEANS "DREAM" IN NEPALI
YOU LOOK GOOD IN THAT HAT
THERE'S A LIVING GODDESS IN NEPAL, ISN'T THERE?

OH~ YOU MEAN KUMARI?
I HEARD ABOUT HER THE NEPALESE SELECT AN AVERAGE GIRL AND WORSHIP HER AS A LIVING GODDESS
KUMARI IS HIGHER IN THE CASTE SYSTEM THAN ANYONE— EVEN HIGHER THAN THE KING
SHE LIVES IN A TEMPLE AND ONLY SHOWS HERSELF TO THE PUBLIC AT THE FESTIVAL IN HER HONOR FROM THE KING DOWN TO ORDINARY BEGGARS, THE NEPALESE PRAY TO KUMARI FOR THEIR HEARTS' DESIRES
HOW BARBARIC! MUCH MORE MODERN TO PUT MONEY IN A PIG'S HEAD AND PRAY TO IT* AT LEAST YOU KEEP THE DOUGH THAT WAY
*KOREANS PUT MONEY IN A COOKED PIG'S HEAD AND PRAY FOR PROSPERITY IN THEIR BUSINESS

DON'T COMPARE PRAYING TO KUMARI TO PRAYING TO THE MOON OR TO A STONE.
OH, MY BAD..
NO, IT'S NOT BARBARIC. I MEANT NEPAL IS MORE PURE.
IT'S OKAY I FORGIVE YOU.
I'M MORE GENEROUS THAN HUMANS.
PUU

"TIKA," THE THIRD EYE
IT'S A HOLY MARK, AND THOSE WHO BEAR IT CAN SEE THROUGH ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD
IT'S THE SYMBOL OF KUMARI

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE ANTIQUE GIFT SHOP VOLUME 8!

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